

## CRAWFISH BOIL JUNE 6

Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Enjoy tasty, authentic crawfish prepared by Dustin Clement's Heads or Tails Cajun Crawfish at Grand Prairie Farmers Market. Crawfish will be sold for \$10 a pound and will be accompanied with potatoes and corn. Entertainment will include a water and soda garden, live music, gift market, arts and crafts and games. For more information, call 972-237-8100 or visit GrandFunGP.com



## LIBRARY MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Catch the murderer if you dare at a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at the Library Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, 7-10 p.m. at the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Dr. Presented by the Grand Prairie Library System, Grand Prairie Arts Council and Murder Mystery Players, Inc., tickets are \$35 each. Ticket includes appetizers, a scavenger hunt, a full 3-course dinner, beverage and the show. For tickets and complete information, go to [artsgp.org](http://artsgp.org) or call the Grand Prairie Arts Council at 972-642-2787. Casual or dressy attire welcome. Limited seating for each performance; purchase your tickets today. Proceeds benefit the Arts Council and libraries.

## TEXAS SMARTSCAPE PLANT SALE

Find great deals on drought-tolerant plants for your yard at the Texas SmartScape Water Conservation plant sale Saturday, June 6, 8 a.m.-noon at Home Depot, 5280 S. State Highway 360. The event is hosted by the City of Grand Prairie Public Works and Parks, Arts and Recreation Departments and Home Depot.



Participants will have the opportunity to speak with plant experts and get ideas for low-water-use landscaping, which saves on water bills, beautifies the home and local environment, attracts native butterflies and hummingbirds, and reduces storm water pollution. The event will also include kids' activities.

For more information, call 972-237-8377.

## FARMERS MARKET



The Grand Prairie Farmers Market is now open! In addition to locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, pasta, spices, tamales and more, Farmers Market hosts numerous events throughout the season. Farmers Market is open every Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Market Square, 120 W. Main. For more information, call 972-237-4599 or visit [gptx.org/farmersmarket](http://gptx.org/farmersmarket).

## UPTOWN PRESENTING SERIES

Season tickets are now on sale for the Uptown Theater's Presenting Series, 120 E. Main St. For more information, and to purchase season tickets, call 972-237-8786 or visit [UptownTheaterGP.com](http://UptownTheaterGP.com).

- May 9 - David Hira Magic Show
- June 26 - Motown Salute
- Aug. 27 - Laurence Luckinbill: "Lyndon"
- Sept. 12 - Rockin '88's...The Music of Our Lives!
- Oct. 17 - BONUS SHOW: Tied Up in Knotts
- Dec. 17 - Rat Pack's Someday at Christmas



## OUTDOOR POOLS OPEN MAY 22

Bowles, McFalls, Tyre and the Splash Factory open Memorial Day Weekend, 1-6 p.m. Friday, May 22-24.

Kirby Creek Natatorium is open Saturday, May 23, and Monday, May 25, 1-6 p.m. for open swim.

For more information, please call 972-263-8174.

## COMING SOON TO THE UPTOWN THEATER



Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. **For the latest Uptown Theater news and offers, text "UPTN" to 97755.** For tickets, visit [uptowntheatergp.com](http://uptowntheatergp.com) or call 972-237-8786.

<i>David Hira - Magician</i>	May 9
<i>Red-Nexican, Alex Reymundo - Comedy Show</i>	May 23
<i>Shrek the Musical</i>	June 12-14 June 19-21
<i>Motown Tribute</i>	June 26

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Due to new regulations, medications (both prescribed and over-the-counter) are no longer accepted at household hazardous waste collection events. To ensure proper disposal, please take unwanted medicines to the Grand Prairie Police Department's Public Safety Building at 1525 Arkansas Lane between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Please call 972-237-8811 for more information.

The next household hazardous waste collection events will be Saturday, May 16 and June 6 from 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W. Church St. (next to City Hall). Registration is required. To register or get more information, visit [gptx.org/WQ/HHW](http://gptx.org/WQ/HHW) or call 972-237-8055.

We will accept household and automotive batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, and household, landscape, and pool chemicals. We will not accept explosives, gas cylinders, fireworks, medical waste, radioactive materials, or municipal trash. No commercial waste will be accepted.

## FREE ELECTRONICS TAKE BACK EVENT

The Solid Waste and Recycling Division will be accepting electronics for recycling at the Development Center, 206 W. Church St. on Saturday, June 6. This free electronics take-back event will be held in conjunction with the HHW collection event from 9-11 a.m., but will have a separate drop off location in the east parking lot. Items accepted are computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players and TVs. Items that cannot be accepted are broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners and refrigerators. For more information, call 972-237-4566 or visit [gptx.org/recycling](http://gptx.org/recycling).

## MOTHER'S DAY AT PRAIRIE LAKES GOLF

All mothers will receive these special rates on Sunday, May 10:

\$32 green fee and cart before 3 p.m.

\$25.95 green fee and cart after 3 p.m.

Gift cards and 5- or 10-round punch cards also available!

5 rounds - \$120 (a savings of up to \$80)

10 rounds - \$230 (a savings of up to \$170)

Valid Monday-Friday anytime or Saturday-Sunday after 10 a.m.

For more information, visit Prairie Lakes Golf Course, 3202 SE 14th St., or call 972-237-4156.



## MARTY PARTY

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
The Summit patio  
2975 Esplanade

Celebrate the Purple Martin on World Migratory Bird Day. This fun family event highlights the need to protect migratory birds and their habitats through music, arts & crafts, educational films and entertainment all day! Open to all ages. Free for the whole family. For more information, visit [GrandFunGP.com](http://GrandFunGP.com)

## FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The City of Grand Prairie Solid Waste and Recycling division is hosting a free electronics recycling event on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m.-noon at the UA Cinema parking lot, 510 Westchester Pkwy. Items accepted are computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players and TVs. Items that cannot be accepted are any hazardous material, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners and refrigerators. Proof of residence in the form of a water bill or driver's license is required.

Grand Prairie residents (not businesses) can also bring their unwanted electronics to the landfill, 1102 MacArthur Blvd. for free during business hours. For more information on recycling electronics please visit [gptx.org/recycling](http://gptx.org/recycling).

## DEAR DAY MAY 22

*Drop Everything and Read*  
#GPREADS

Grand Prairie students and residents will Drop Everything and Read on May 22 as the city and schools celebrate the joy of reading and adventure of books. At 10 a.m. May 22, everyone will stop, drop and read all around town. If you are driving, a triple honk will do! More activities are planned. For those interested, visit [gptx.org/library](http://gptx.org/library).

## SUMMER CAMP AT THE RECREATION CENTERS

Summer Camp begins June 8  
Ages kindergarten-12, Teen Camp for ages 13-15  
Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Campers will be provided a daily lunch and snack.  
Campers will swim twice a week and take a weekly field trip.  
Camp Tuition \$80/week/child. \$10 one-time registration fee. \$10 T-shirt fee.  
Limited Financial Aid is available.

Charley Taylor Recreation Center 972-264-6890

Dalworth Recreation Center 972-237-4760

Tony Shotwell Life Center 972-237-7529

## DESIGN SOLUTIONS AT WARMACK LIBRARY

Interior Design Solutions are just down the street at Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd. For more information, call 972-237-5772 or visit [gptx.org/library](http://gptx.org/library).

**Saturday, May 9, 2-3 p.m.**

Home Decorating How-To presented by trained sewing instructor Debra Holster.

**Saturday, May 23, 2-3 p.m.**

What's Hot and What's Not, presented by Peggy Spitaletto of Decorating Den.

## LEARN TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

Detective Scott Morris, with the Grand Prairie Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit, will present two free programs on preventing identity theft. For info. visit [gptx.org/library](http://gptx.org/library).

Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m. - Grand Prairie Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Saturday, May 16, 4 p.m. - Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Rd.



## SUMMER ARTS

### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Want to inspire your child's creative side this summer? Enroll them in the Grand Prairie Arts Council's Summer in the Arts program - four weeks of arts programming. Each workshop culminates in performances and exhibits. For children who have completed first grade-age 15.

**July 6-10: Art Explosion**

Create original art pieces using a variety of media.

**July 13-17: Musical Theatre Workshop and Showcase: Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.**

Students learn basic theatre practices with a show at the end.

**July 20-24, July 27-Aug. 1:**

**Shrek the Musical Jr.**

Learn musical theater production.

Enrollment is limited. Register today. For more information, call 972-642-2787 or visit [artsgp.org](http://artsgp.org).

## BLOOD DRIVE MAY 8

Save a life! Come out to the Get Fit/American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 8, noon-6 p.m. at the YMCA, 4556 S. Carrier Parkway.

The need for blood is constant. Donating blood is quick, easy and healthy to do and this simple act of giving blood could potentially save a life! For questions, email [ehorton@gptx.org](mailto:ehorton@gptx.org) or call 972-237-8037.

## VOLUNTEER!

A wonderful way to give back to Grand Prairie is to volunteer with the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department.

**Grand Rangers:** Work events, greet, registration, event preparation and behind the scene jobs.

**Uptown Theater:** Usher, concessions, will-call desk, etc.

**The Summit:** Tours, events

Call Beverly Grogan at 972-237-8329 or [bgrogan@gptx.org](mailto:bgrogan@gptx.org).



Grand Prairie will ground spray every Thursday and Friday night May-October *in neighborhoods testing positive for infected mosquitoes.* Check the schedule:

[gptx.org/FightTheBite](http://gptx.org/FightTheBite)

## FLOODPLAIN HAZARD

### What is a flood?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defines a flood as a general and temporary condition of an area being partially or completely inundated by surface water runoff.

### What is a floodplain?

A floodplain is any land area that is susceptible to being inundated by floodwaters from any source.

The City of Grand Prairie manages development within the FEMA-regulated floodplain, also known as the 100-year (1% annual chance) floodplain. However, flooding can occur outside the 100-year (1% annual chance) floodplain.

### Why does the City manage development within the floodplain?

Floodplains serve a useful, natural purpose to move stormwater across land and into creeks, lakes and rivers. They provide flood storage and conveyance. Floodplains can reduce the speed at which runoff travels through creeks and rivers. Grand Prairie manages development within the FEMA-regulated floodplains that fall within its corporate limits and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), to provide for development in a manner that aims to protect people and property from future flood damages.

### How does the City manage development in the floodplain?

The City manages development in the floodplain through its Floodplain Development Permit (FDP). The FDP allows City staff to provide instructions as to where certain types of structures can be placed on parcels and at what elevation. In some cases, engineering models may be needed to show that the proposed project will not have any adverse impacts on neighboring properties. An elevation certificate obtained through a licensed surveyor or engineer helps determine the location of existing structures in the floodplain. This certificate helps determine the flood insurance rate.

### How can I obtain flood insurance?

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. This allows residents and businesses the opportunity to purchase flood insurance. (Please see the January 2015 issue of the Pipeline for additional details on flood insurance.) Insurance rates are based on the location of your property and the risk of being flooded. Please contact your insurance agent for additional information on obtaining flood insurance.

### What do I do if I want to develop property that is located within the floodplain?

Contact the City's Stormwater Department at 972-237-8141. City staff can assist you in determining whether or not your property is located within the FEMA-regulated 100-year (1% annual chance) floodplain and guide you through the floodplain development permit process.

Additional information on flood hazards can be found on the following websites: [fema.gov](http://fema.gov), [gptx.org/floodplain](http://gptx.org/floodplain), [floodsmart.com](http://floodsmart.com).



## LAWN CARE: DON'T BAG IT!

As we return to spring and the promise of green lawns, the immediate thought might be, "What do I do with the grass clippings I will be collecting?" The short answer is don't collect it! By leaving the clippings on the lawn and allowing them to work their way back into the soil, you will help produce a naturally good looking lawn. There is no need for chemical fertilizers if done consistently. The rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the leaf surface at any one time. For example, common Bermuda grass when 2¼" or less, should be mowed at a setting of 1½."

If your lawn has started sprouting weeds already, apply the mowing principles mentioned, and bag the weeds and grass clippings collected for your compost pile, as this is rich in nitrogen and is an essential component of composting. The composted material in turn provides a valuable natural soil amendment that can be used in your garden and also on your lawn as needed to reduce weeds. This continuous cycle provides an effective way to manage your yard waste. For more information on "Don't Bag It!," yard waste or composting classes, please visit [gptx.org/composting](http://gptx.org/composting) or call 972-237-4566.

## SUMMIT GAMES

Don't miss The Summit Games Friday, May 22-Saturday, May 23. This event will be a fun competition of numerous sports and games for adults ages 50 and older. All participants will receive a meal, T-shirt and goodie bag. For more information, call 972-237-4141 or email: [hgrafton@gptx.org](mailto:hgrafton@gptx.org).